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Harper's Weekly:
Snowy morning—On picket.

IN ICE

FIRST MARYLAND INFANTRY:

After suffering through the Civil War's first harsh winter, it emerged in 1862 as the C.S.A.'s most well-disciplined regiment

By JORDAN SCHATZ

PROMOTED TO colonel of the First Maryland Infantry in July, 1861 after fighting with distinction during the First Battle of Bull Run, **George H. 'Maryland' Stuart** proceeded to build a reputation as one of the Confederate Army's most competent and efficient drillmasters.

When the freezing weather of November swept through Virginia, paralyzing the movements of both Union and Confederate troops, the Army of Northern Virginia, the First Maryland included, receded into proverbial winter hibernation, spending the remaining cold months in quarters outside Manassas and the nearby town of Centreville, Va.

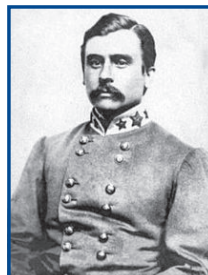
Suddenly finding himself overseeing a regiment composed largely of young, inexperienced soldiers—a private in the First Maryland averaged no more than 19 years old, according to Bradley T. Johnson—Stuart initiated efforts to transform his unit into a well-disciplined fighting force.

Stuart had five months to prepare his troops for their eventual involvement in Stonewall Jackson's infamous Valley Campaign.

"During our stay in camp at Fairfax Station (eight miles east of Centreville), we were kept under strict and rigid discipline by our Col. George H. Stuart, who was an **old West Pointer**," Washington Hands, a corporal in 'Company D' said. "In a short time,

our company and battalion drill, which were gone through daily, as well as dress parades every evening, began to [show in] our regiment and gave us the name of being one of the best drilled in the Army."

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Pictured:
George H. 'Maryland' Stuart, who, in the winter of 1861-62, held the rank of colonel in command of the First Maryland Infantry.

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK

Welcome to the January issue of Company D's Newsletter "True Marylander."

STATE OF THE COMPANY: I would like to give an annual summary of how we did, where we are going and how we stand as we end one campaign season and start a new one.

Company D, we have never been stronger as an organization. We have officially been in existence for less than two years and covered much ground. We had a very successful past year and exceeded my expectations for each event that was on our schedule.

This year has seen many firsts for us. We participated in not just one but four demonstration weekends for the National Park Service in Gettysburg. We have done multiple events on the same weekend. We have instituted the 'Marylander of the Year' Award for within our company and had our very first nominated winner! We have seen Company promotions.

We have taken on two great efforts which involve giving back to the local community. Our first annual food drive effort on Remembrance Day was a success and really helped the local food bank. We adopted a local family in need for the holidays. In less than one month's time, our Company worked together to make Christmas a happy one for a local family.

We have seen our web site evolve and grow. We have seen our newsletter "True Marylander" take a life on its own and become a publication better than some newspapers. We have seen our ranks/membership grow within our Company. We have built new partnerships and friendships within the hobby. In addition to our current membership with CWHI, we have also joined the Southern Division organization. But most important, we have seen our Company grow together as one. I have seen each one of you grow and develop your impression and contribute to the greater good of the Company. I could not be more happier with Company D!

As we motion forward to start a new campaign season, we face new events and challenges. For the first time, we will be working with an area school to do a Civil War Day. We will be implementing a new approach to teaching by utilizing some modern technology to reach a younger generation that is losing touch with our American history. We will be doing more research. We will be learning new evolutions in drill. We will be doing new events as well as maintaining our effort level with reoccurring events.

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'Company D' gives back for the holidays

LIEUTENANT'S CORNER

Greetings Pards,

As our season winds down and the weather changes from the warm spring and summer nights to the cool and chilly evenings of autumn and winter, we will not be wintering in the fields as the soldiers did during the Civil War. However, during event helds near the beginning or end of the campaign season, we may still face cold temperatures.

There are ways to stay warm in camp. If done correctly, you will be warm the whole night through.

First, the position of your shebang or pup tent is vital. It should be close enough to the fire so it acts as a funnel for the heat. The warmth from the fire will curl around the shelter and keep you warm.

Next, take two gum blankets or a gum blanket and a poncho, and add two wool blankets. Place one gum blanket on the ground and cover over it with a wool blanket. Then, after you lay down, cover yourself with the other wool blanket and follow that with the second gum blanket.

If you want, a great coat can be added on top for extra warmth. The multiple gum blankets will act as a moisture barrier from the top and bottom and trap in your body heat.

You should sleep in your uniform but not your boots or brogans as the leather will lock in the cold, resulting in cold feet. You should also consider wool socks in the cool months instead of the cotton ones during the summer.

Also, a head covering is vital. Either a period stocking cap or period sleeping cap, as most of your heat leaves through your uncovered head. If you follow these period methods, you can leave your farby sleeping bag at home and sleep similar to how the soldiers did during the Civil War, perhaps even with more equipment than they may have had.

Stay warm and, as always, have fun!

Justin Swan

Doc's Diary

Column by Dr. Mark Kahn



Photo by Kat Zalewski Bednarek

Hello lads and lasses,

Civil War novels are many, but only a select few show the reader what the time really must have been like for those involved; civilians as well as soldier.

A good Civil War novel can be read many times with the reader gaining something each time. It pulls the reader into the book as if reading it for the first time. Three such novels are: "The Black Flower," "The Year of Jubilo," and "The Judas Field," all by Howard Bahr.

They follow a group of Confederate soldiers to the Battle of Franklin, the grave and the aftermath. The third in the series — "The Judas Field" — tells the story of two childhood friends, one male, one female, now grown, 20 years after the war, and still trying to come to grips with the horrors of what took place.

The action takes place through a number of flashbacks in which we find these friends struggling to come to grips with memories and events. The loss of friends and family from present and past collide on the way to and during the Field of Franklin, Tenn.

The book is a gritty look at post-war South and reconstruction efforts. For Civil War historians and those who just like good historical novels, "The Judas Field" shows a sometimes tragic and all too accurate view of post-Civil War South. For us as Confederate reenactors, it becons us to the field to teach visitors what the war was really about.

For a gritty, real look at the ways soldiers and civilians struggled, read "The Judas Field." It will move you.

Company D Photos from the Campaign



Pictured:

Top, Members of "Company D" prepare to do a firing demonstration for the public on the Gettysburg battlefield in October.

Middle, Capt. Jake Duda, right, gives orders to the men of "Company D" during an October event at Pitzer's Woods.

Below, Janet Boyer, an honorary member of "Company D," poses for a picture.

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Confederates built winter quarters to survive the harsh cold months between November 1861 and March 1862. The First Maryland Infantry hunkered down just a few miles outside Manassas (Bull Run) and the nearby town of Centreville, Va. (Frank Leslie's Illustrated History of the Civil War)

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By night, the men retired to crudely built log cabins, constructed from the surrounding trees and held together by Virginia mud. They eventually replaced canvas roofs with shingles made from trees and installed chimneys, beds and gun racks.

But by day, the First Maryland drilled, soon establishing themselves as a premiere unit, both in their appearance and their movements in the field.

After graduating from the West Point Military Academy in 1848, Stuart embarked on a career as a cavalry soldier, serving on the frontier as an Indian fighter. When he returned to the East coast following the Camanche expedition of 1860, he had evolved into a capable campaigner, whose experience out west, in places such as Texas and Utah, had turned him into a seasoned and well-trained commander.

"He paid particular attention to the quartermaster and commissary departments, and looked well after the interests of his men, holding every officer, including the surgeon, to the strict performance of his duty," Private William Duncan McKim, of First Maryland 'Company H,' reported. "But he drilled us hard—generally six hours a day. [The] company drilled two hours before breakfast, regimental drill [then took place] two hours after breakfast; and, when he rose to be brigadier, brigade drilled two hours in the afternoon.

"Moreover, he was a strict disciplinarian, and it was not easy to escape his lynx-eyed observation. He had some tough elements to deal with in some of the companies, and when these became unruly, the colonel was severe in his punishments."

By the time February rolled around, it became clear to the rest of the Confederates encamped around Centreville that Stuart's severe training regime had properly morphed his First Maryland Infantry.

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From then on, whenever it marched, the First Maryland's reputation preceeded it.

"Colonel Stuart, by his firm and able, if somewhat eccentric, handling had now brought our regiment to a fine state of discipline and efficiency," McHenry Howard, a first sergeant in 'Company H,' noted. "Whenever our drums were heard as we marched—with the Maryland quick step—through Centreville on our way to picket, general and other officers turned out to see us."

First Lieutenant George W. Booth, of 'Company D,' praised Stuart in his personal writings years after the war.

"The magnificent work of Colonel Stuart made his camps healthful and free from disease. He was a foe to idleness, and kept his men always alert, and under his careful administration, wastefulness was not permitted, and the greatest of comfort was extracted for every

advantage," he wrote. "He made his men proud of their command, and it was no unusual sight to have thousands from the surrounding camps flock to the roadside, as the Marylanders marched out to or returned from duty.

"No matter how fatigued the men were from the long march, as the camps of the army were neared, the drum corps would beat its stirring march and the files would be closed up, as, with quick step and jaunty air, they swung along, the observed of all observers."

Two years later, as he emerged, sword waving, from the bullet-torn treeline on Culp's Hill at Gettysburg, Stuart, now a brigadier general, led the gallant charge of the Second Maryland Battalion—featuring transitioned members from the First Maryland—toward the Union breastworks on the morning of July 3, 1863.

"Soon, however, the [forces alongside the Second Maryland were] repulsed and the small remnant of the Third North Carolina, with the stronger Second Maryland, were far in advance of the rest of the line. On they pressed to within 20 or 30 paces of the works—a small but gallant band of heroes daring to attempt what could not be done by flesh and blood," McKim wrote.

Following Culp's Hill, Cecil County, Maryland resident and Second Maryland member William R. McCullough wrote: "No body of men, no matter how brave or daring, could have stood the terrific fire poured upon us, and the overwhelming numbers opposed to us. We did all that mortal man could have and after all our sacrifices and exertions had to retire, leaving in the hands of the vandal foe, and among the slain, the bravest and the best."



By Stephen Creswell

Into the Frying Pan

"Constantly exposed to the fire of a superior force, without rations, lying in the drenching rain without blankets, or covering of any kind, they performed the most arduous and critical duties in a manner that argues well for the success of our cause."

Major James Barbour Terrell wrote the above sentence in his official report of the First Maryland Regiment's successful attack on Munson's Hill. "Without Rations" was commonplace in many of these written reports, inked with cold and hungry fingers during the fall and winter of 1861-62.

It was feast or famine for the First Maryland during this time. When out on the march or in line of battle, a day or two could go by without rations being drawn. When in camp, while loading rations, the bacon was so plentiful that trousers were even soiled from the chore. According to one soldier: *"And by one of those misfortunes of war, I had my only pair of pants so thoroughly greased by the awkwardness of one of my men as to render my presence at the camp fire dangerous."*

If the constant marching and frequent skirmishing were not fatiguing enough, there was the task of preparing oneself for settling in for the winter. All of this was usually done on an empty stomach, but not a complaint was ever heard amongst the ranks of the Marylanders. Not only was wood needed to be procured to erect a fine winter quarters, it was also needed to be cut for the camp and cook fires. At "Camp Maryland," several miles away from Manassas, men would walk for a mile or more, cut their timber and walk the length back. Preparing the daily rations would shortly follow, after drill and inspection, of course.

What was on the menu for the Marylanders after completion of winter camp? During this time, they were well-supplied, along with having invitations to dine with local citizens in the area. During one of these return trips, the men were fired upon by their own pickets seeing that the host's property extended beyond the lines.

Flour, cornmeal, molasses, sugar and coffee were all readily available. One of the favorite past times of the Marylanders was to go hunting for wild turkeys, which made a fine meal, indeed. Cards, singing and gossip was the evening's itinerary after a hunt.

Plucking and gutting the turkey was pretty simple work. The neck, gizzard and livers were usually fried in a pan with a little corn meal or flour while the bulk of the bird was being processed. The Turkey was then quartered and the meat roasted on a pine sapling spit, ram rod or fried in a pan. When ordered to cook rations for a few days march, **Indian Sagamite** was a routine staple.

◆ Year in Review ◆

Marylanders capture Marylanders

Ken RICH

HARPERS FERRY:

When Stonewall Jackson captured Harpers Ferry, along with Willard's Brigade (nicknamed the Harpers Ferry Cowboys), the First Potomac Home Brigade was also captured. They were sent by rail to **Camp Parole** outside Annapolis, Md. It is said that their families visited with picnic baskets on the weekends.

WINCHESTER:

At the Battle of Winchester, the Second Maryland Battalion, CSA would fight and over-run the First Maryland, USA. There were brothers and cousins in both of these units. Major W.W. Goldsborough of the **Second Maryland** would find his brother among the captured. Confederate Marylanders would see to the care of their wounded union counterparts. When the A.N.V. withdraws from Gettysburg, Goldsborough would be left behind wounded and assigned to the Union hospital. His brother would be among the doctors at **Fort Delaware** when he arrived there in the fall.

GETTYSBURG:

When the First Maryland Eastern Shore, USA came out of their entrenchments on **Culp's Hill**, they would find the dead and wounded of the **Second Maryland, CSA** on the ground in front of them. (Some had served in their own Company A the year before). The color bearers of both units were first cousins.

The ultimate irony of Marylanders at Gettysburg is that the wounded Confederate Marylanders were taken to both the **Lady Farm** and Monfort Farm. From there, they were transported to Camp Letterman and then sent by rail to Baltimore. In Baltimore, **Fort McHenry** was overflowing, so wounded prisoners would be sent to West Hospital and Camp Mount Claire (former home of Confederate Gen. George H. "Maryland" Steuart). They would be then sent off to other locations, including **Point Lookout** (Md.), Delaware and New York. Locals did what they could to smuggle help to the prisoners. Supplies were hung under hoop skirts. Also, wagons and houses were searched. A good book that tells the story of one of these heroines is "Exile to Sweet Dixie," the stories of Euphemia Goldsborough.

Upcoming Events

APRIL

7-9

CAMP OF INSTRUCTION
Gettysburg, Pa.

28-30

LIVING HISTORY AT SPANGLER SPRING
Gettysburg, Pa.

"Company D" celebrates memorable 2016 campaign



With "Company D" standing at attention, Janet Boyer lays a wreath at the base of the Second Maryland monument on Culp's Hill during a Remembrance Day ceremony in Gettysburg on Nov. 17.

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Staff Report

Brothers in arms, the members of "Company D" marched shoulder to shoulder through Gettysburg during the annual Remembrance Day Parade on Nov. 17, before re-uniting on Culp's Hill to celebrate the memory of the original members of Second Maryland.

It marked the final major event for the 2-year-old living history unit that largely came together for the first time in April during "Camp of Instruction." What followed was an eight-month campaign in which friendships were formed, memories made and history brought to life.

"Company D" captain and founder Jake Duda reflected on the 2016 season.

"I am very proud of our company and very humbled to have so many great people together as group! In my eyes, we have the best unit in the hobby. Be proud of how far we have come together in such a short span of time," he said. "We have a great mesh of people spanning from veteran reenactors, such as Ray Wetzell, who has over 40 yrs doing events, right on down to newest member Tony Sumpter, who just got into the hobby.

"Everyone in our group brings something to the table: be it special skill sets, knowledge, experience or enthusiasm. Hats off to each of you in 'Company D.'"

CAMP OF INSTRUCTION

For many in "Company D," a weekend in April marked their first experience as re-enactors. For the entire unit, it marked the first time the group would come together as a company.



Capt. Jake Duda, right, teaches during Camp of Instruction.

During the weekend of April 22, new members joined existing participants for "Camp of Instruction," a three-day experience near Gettysburg in which attendees set up camp, learned drill, ate over fire and marched with rifles. For many, it marked the first true Civil War camp experience. Featuring picket duty in a downpour, outlasting sub-freezing temperatures and midnight runs for fire wood, this weekend set the tone for what would be a wild 2016.

FIELD TRIPS

Away from the frontlines, the members of "Company D" stayed active by attending field trips throughout the year. Starting with a tour of the town and its local sutlers in February, "Company D" stayed connected with history—and each other—throughout the year.



Historian Ken Rich, center, gives a lesson on Culp's Hill.

Notable events included an all-day trip to the Maryland Historical Society and Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, participating in historian Ken Rich's tour of Culp's Hill and teaching history to boy scouts in Southern Maryland and even traveling for get-togethers during the winter holiday.

LIVING HISTORY

Falling asleep to the sounds of coyotes, waking to Little and Big Round Top and spending the day participating in firing demonstrations in the field, 2016 offered "Company D" a surreal opportunity to provide history lessons on hallowed ground.

Three times during the season (a rare treat!), the unit set up camp in Pitzer's Woods on Seminary Ridge for three days of living history. Interacting with hundreds of visitors, demonstrating the historical way to load and fire a rifle and showcasing how the Second Maryland would have camped in 1863 proved to be the highlight of the year.



"Company D" marches on the Gettysburg battlefield.

For a select few, 2016 also offered opportunities to put on demonstrations at Spangler's Spring (Gettysburg) and Fort Delaware (Peapack Island, Del.).

ON THE TOWN

Multiple times throughout the year, "Company D" provided living history events at the historic Rupp House in Gettysburg. Although they didn't put on their signature firing demonstrations, the group spent the weekend interacting with the public and enjoying camp life before spending the evening at the many shops and taverns in town. Notable spots, such as the Farnsworth House and the Reliance Mine Saloon, offered the group a chance to talk with the public in a more intimate setting.

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Photo of the Month



Marching through Gettysburg

By Kat Zalewski Bednarek

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"Three parts Indian meal (ground corn) and one of brown sugar, mixed and browned over the fire. Used in small quantities, it not only appeases hunger but always thirst." (Cooking for the Cause, Patricia B. Mitchell)

Life in the Winter Camp of 1861-62 wasn't all that bad for the Maryland boys. Drill was held regularly and the men of the Old Line State would never suffer a dirty musket, all of which would serve them well in the Valley Campaign with Stonewall Jackson in the spring to come.



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ON PARADE

The annual Remembrance Day Parade provided "Company D" with an opportunity to show off for the town.

In their usual 'Natty' impression, the company marched the parade route before re-uniting on Culp's Hill for a ceremony honoring the original soldiers of the Second Maryland. During this event, gifts were exchanged and Pvt. Stephen Creswell officially received the first annual 'Marylander of the Year' award.



Creswell is 'Marylander of the Year'

Pvt. honored during Culp's Hill ceremony

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GETTYSBURG, PA. — Artist and chef extraordinaire Pvt. Stephen Creswell received the inaugural 'Marylander of the Year' award as voted on by his fellow members in Second Maryland "Company D."

The award, created in June by "Company D" founder and captain Jake Duda to be gifted annually, is presented to the person in the company who most believe went above and beyond.

Voting took place at Pitzer's Woods at Gettysburg during the group's final living history event of the season. Officers Duda, Captain Mark Kahn and Lieutenant Justin Swan were exempt from casting a ballot.

Creswell, who joined the ranks of "Company D" in February 2016, received the award following a campaign in which he continually 'wowed' the company with large cast iron feasts, including a large pork tenderloin dinner and the grand Maryland Feast at Rupp House, which featured both crab cakes and crab imperial.



Photo by Kat Zalewski Bednarek

Using his art skills, he masterfully re-created a to-scale rendering of Second Maryland's regimental colors that would eventually fly during the Remembrance Day Parade, crafted a detailed wooden shillelagh for Swan and wood burned a "Maryland" scene onto an ammo box as an anniversary gift for a member of the company, to name a few.

He also proved capable in the field, going from student to teacher in regards to firing demonstrations, marching and unit history, while away from camp, his humor and stories were enjoyed by many.

While voting and revealing 'Marylander of the Year' took place in October, Creswell received the honor and the subsequent gifts during a ceremony on

Culp's Hill following the Remembrance Day Parade.

In addition to a statement from Duda, Creswell received a framed award, a yearly exemption from both mess and picket duty, a "Company D" logo coffee mug, a brass 'D' to wear on his kepi and a red sharpshooter patch, once presented during the Civil War to the top marksmen in Second Maryland.

Creswell will hold the title 'Marylander of the Year' until next year's voting at Pitzer's Woods in October.

Company votes newest corporal

As a result of company elections at Gettysburg's Pitzer's Woods in October, Jordan Schatz has been promoted to corporal, as voted by fellow members of Second Maryland 'Company D'.

Schatz, who joined the ranks in February 2016, attended nearly every event of the season, including three 'max effort' National Park Service events, several Rupp House living histories and a weekend at the former Union prison camp at Fort Delaware.

Additionally, Schatz serves as editor-in-chief of company's newsletter 'True Marylander.'

Schatz joins Rodney Cool as one of the company's two corporals. He replaces Michael Donahue, who has been promoted to sergeant.

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The future for our Company looks bright. Keep doing what we have been doing. Motivate others not just in our Company, but other in the hobby. Motivation is contagious and we would all reap the benefits! We have developed our own identity and will continue to grow into our own!

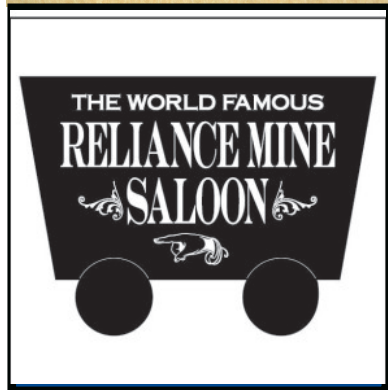
Always remember, work together as a team! We are not just any unit....WE ARE "COMPANY D" 2nd MARYLAND INFANTRY! God bless and see you in the field in 2017!

Respectfully,

Jake Duda,

Captain

"Company D" 2nd Md. Infantry



SEASON OF GIVING

'Company D' holds Thanksgiving food drive; adopts family for Christmas

True Marylander Staff Report

GETTYSBURG, PA. — Second Maryland "Company D" gave back this holiday season.

On the morning of the Remembrance Day Parade, the unit held its first annual "Company D" Canned Food Drive to benefit the local community.

Over one hundred items to help families put Thanksgiving meals on the table were donated and delivered in the back of a pickup truck to a local food bank in Gettysburg.

"As we approach the holidays, there are many less fortunate than us that need a

hand up," "Company D" captain Jake Duda said prior to the event. "The food goes to those in need in Gettysburg. I feel it's the least we can do as a company to help the local community."

A month later, "Company D" focused its attention on making Christmas possible for a family in need.

Partnering with the Adams County Relief Shelter, the living history group received the Christmas list (from Santa) for a mother, father and their two young children. Hoping to make a difference, the group purchased and delivered unwrapped gifts to a drop-off location on the day of the company's Victorian Christmas in Gettysburg.

"In less than one month, 'Company D' and friends of the unit banded together and were able to not only supply everything on the family's Christmas list but also was able to supply a turkey, ham, gift certificates to a grocery store, a Christmas Tree and all decorations.

"It was a great, amazing feeling to be able to use our strength as a group to physically do good to help people out! We are very blessed. This will be an annual endeavor for 'Company D'."

'Company D' gives a special thanks to The Regimental Quartermaster, Ken and Patricia Rich and Darin Van Houten (Van Houten Gardens in Bel Air).



Justin Swan smiles as he helps load up a donated Christmas tree.

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